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The United States nominates new Ambassador to Bolivia

U.S. President George W. Bush officially nominated Philip S. Goldberg as new Ambassador to Bolivia. The nomination has to be approved by the U.S. Senate to be effective. Once the nomination is approved, Mr. Goldberg will replace Ambassador David N. Greenlee, who has held such position in Bolivia since January 15, 2003.

Philip S. Goldberg has served as Chief of Mission in Pristina, Kosovo since August 2004. His previous post was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile (2001-2004).

Ambassador-nominate Goldberg, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, served from January-June 2001 as acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs. He came to that position after having been a senior member of the State Department team handling the transition from the Clinton to Bush Administrations.

Mr. Goldberg served as Special Assistant (1996-1998) and then Executive Assistant (1998-2000) to the Deputy Secretary of State. From 1994-96 Mr. Goldberg was the Department's Bosnia Desk Officer and a Special Assistant to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke. In the latter capacity, he was a member of the American negotiating team in the lead-up to the Dayton Peace Conference and Chief of Staff for the American Delegation at Dayton.

Mr. Goldberg has served overseas as a consular and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, and political-economic officer in Pretoria, South Africa.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Goldberg worked for several years as a liaison officer between the City of New York and the United Nations and consular community. Mr. Goldberg is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Boston University. He speaks fluent Spanish.